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## Meeting Minutes of District 10 Council Meeting September 18, 2021

The District 10 Council meeting convened via ZOOM conference call on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 9:30 am with the following leaders **present**:

District Director, Tricia Spayer, DTM  
Program Quality Director, Bob Churilla, DTM  
Club Growth Director, Sandra Orland, EC5, DL5  
Public Relations Manager, April Ware, CC, CL, MS3  
Finance Manager, Preeti Venkataramani, CC, CL, SR5  
Administration Manager, Heather Miller, PM1  
Immediate Past District Director, Alicia Smith-Kirk, DTM  
Central Division Director, Andrea Wells  
Eastern Division Director, Tracey Touma  
Northern Division Director, Peter Shelling  
Southern Division Director, Catherine Peterson  
Area 11 Director, Malcolm Tsung  
Area 13 Director, Joanna Butler  
Area 20 Director, Molly Ketcham  
Area 30 Director, Larry Goldmish  
Area 31 Director, Michael Curry  
Area 40 Director, Emily Szabo  
Area 41 Director, Kimberly Kochevar  
Area 50 Director, Jwana Washington  
Area 51 Director, Jenish Venancius  
Area 53 Director, Robbie Milledge  
Club President, John Dzurko, Independence Club, Club No. 935345  
Club President, India Eaton, Speaking Healthy, Club No. 5663371  
Club President, Norberto Flores, Central (Akron) Advanced Toastmasters, Club No. 8023  
Club President, Karen Gabrielse, Colorful Language, Club No. 2771855  
Club President, Craig Gerlock, Hudson Crossing Toastmasters, Club No. 1866846  
Club President, Anu Guggilam, Speak to Lead Toastmasters, 7687237  
Club President, Diane Jackson, Eastside Toastmasters Club, Club No. 6500  
Club President, Ines Jimenez, Garfield Heights Toastmasters Club, Club No. 5168202  
Club President, Lenroy Jones, Mount Vernon Club, Club No. 1259  
Club President, Sofia Lehtonen, Parker SpeakEasies Club, Club No. 533  
Club President, Natalie Lindsay-Smith, Goodyear Community Toastmasters Club, Club No. 2809

Club President, Deborah Lindsey, Brakethrough Speakers, Club No. 4198747  
Club President, Ike Mann, Timken Company Toastmasters Club, Club No. 1690  
Club President, Jeannine Murray, Medina Toastmasters Club, Club No. 941  
Club President, Annette Palmer, The Comedy Club, Club No. 7902363  
Club President, Joseph Pannitto, Twininspirations Toastmasters Club, Club No. 2291177  
Club President, Aziz Radwan, Top of the Town Advanced Club, Club No. 1383972  
Club President, Srikanth Reddy, STERIS Toastmasters Club, Club No. 1073866  
Club President, Susan Russell, Crossroads Club, Club No. 5759  
Club President, William Simpson, Talk of the Town Club, Club No. 2917  
Club President, Lisa Sims, Akron Toastmasters, Club No. 151  
Club President, Daniel Spearman, Westlake Toastmasters, Club No. 497  
Club President, Sharon Stadul, Word Warriors, Club No. 3578  
Club President, Sravanthi Vallampati, Diversity 4 Success Toastmasters, Club No. 7836856  
Club President, Charlene VanDeWeerd, Colorful Communications Club, Club No. 871427  
Club Vice President of Education, George Burner, Hall of Fame Advanced Speakers, Club No. 1352191  
Club Vice President of Education, Valerie Costa, Colorful Language, Club No. 2771855  
Club Vice President of Education, Greg Danko, Independently Speaking Club, Club No. 1424  
Club Vice President of Education, Louise DeBell, Westside Advanced Club, Club No. 7262  
Club Vice President of Education, Kristine Fondran, Bailey Toastmasters Club, Club No. 3628  
Club Vice President of Education, Dale Force, Aerospace Toastmasters Club, Club No. 3526  
Club Vice President of Education, Rick Gurin, Toast of Rockwell, Club No. 3418923  
Club Vice President of Education, Joe Javorsky, Impact Toastmasters, Club No. 9124  
Club Vice President of Education, Jada Kirk, Citadel of Hope Toastmasters Club, Club No. 5923  
Club Vice President of Education, Ed Larson, Speaking Healthy, Club No. 5663371  
Club Vice President of Education, Shaun McGrath, Westlake Toastmasters, Club No. 497  
Club Vice President of Education, Marjorie Miller, Positively Speaking Club, Club No. 5426  
Club Vice President of Education, Diana Sramek, Independence Club, Club No. 935345  
Club Vice President of Education, Jenilee Taylor, Akron Toastmasters, Club No. 151

**(Non-Voting)**

Audit Committee Chair, Christian Giardini  
Credentials Chair, Dan Minder

**Welcome:**

District Director, Tricia Spayer, opened the meeting at 9:30 AM by welcoming everyone to the Zoom meeting.

**Inspiring Words:**

Program Quality Director, Bob Churilla, provided inspiring words to all attendees.

**District Mission:**

Club Growth Director, Sandra Orland, provided the district mission: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

**Review of Meeting Agenda:**

District Director, Tricia Spayer, without objection the agenda is adopted. Introduction of officials for the meeting were introduced.

### **Voting and Approvals Overview:**

District Director, Tricia Spayer, discussed the voting procedures and election rules for the meeting. Three items up for vote 1.) Approval of the April 22 meeting minutes, the appointed District Executive Committee Members, and 2021-2022 budget.

### **Credentials Committee Report:**

Credentials Committee Chair, Dan Minder discussed achievement of quorum. There are 91 eligible clubs in the District; each club receives two votes, one for the Club President and one for the Vice President of Education. To achieve quorum, one-third of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education of eligible clubs must be present or registered which is 61. There are 75 Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education represented. Quorum was established. There are 26 District Executive Committee members represented. District Executive Committee members do not count towards achieving a quorum.

Total ballots available are 101. If everyone votes, a simple majority would be 51; a 2/3 vote would be 67.

District Director, Tricia Spayer, without objection, credentials report was adopted.

### **Audit Committee Report:**

Audit Committee Chair, Christian Giardini discussed the 2020-2021 year end audit report. Thanked Alicia Smith-Kirk and April Ware. Also, thanked members of the team, Robbie Milledge and Charlene VanDerWeerd for getting this completed well and on time, all virtually. Conducted and certified a successful audit for District 10 for the second half of the 2020-2021 Toastmaster year and the entire year. Did find the district transactional reports and the mid-year P&L to be accurate and in compliance with TI governing documents. All required documents and the packet were submitted to TI finance on time. Discussed items that went well and areas of improvement with the audit. Had fun with finance.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

District Director, Tricia Spayer discussed the availability of the minutes from April 22, 2021 District Council Meeting.

Motion to dispense the reading of the minutes, but we note any corrections made by Club President, Susan Russell, Crossroads Club, Club No. 5759. No second was needed.

Motion to adopt minutes with necessary corrections made by Club President, Diane Jackson, Eastside Toastmasters Club, Club No. 6500. No second needed.

### **Appointed Officers:**

District Director, Tricia Spayer discussed the appointed members of the District Executive Committee, including 18 Area Directors.

Motion to accept the appointed Officers and Area Directors by Club President, Deborah Lindsey, Brakethrough Speakers, Club No. 4198747, seconded by Club Vice President of Education, Joe Javorsky, Impact Toastmasters, Club No. 9124.

### **Budget Report:**

Finance Manager, Preeti Venkataramani discussed the 2021-2022 District Budget. Budget base is \$33,531 and reserve of \$8,383 (for next year). Discussed the annual budget summary and accomplishments. Get Fit in Finance: (F) Fast and Forward, (I) Impart Budget Knowledge, (T) Training Resource Library. Mr. Buck! = Mascot

Motion to accept the District Budget as stated made by Club President, Annette Palmer, The Comedy Club, Club No. 7902363. No second needed.

No comments or discussion upon review.

**Voting:**

Call for the vote, Tricia Spayer. Discussed the three items up for voting.

Motion to call for the vote Club President, Deborah Lindsey, Brakethrough Speakers, Club No. 4198747, present motion as stated, seconded by Club President, Lisa Sims, Akron Toastmasters, Club No. 151. Motion passed.

Administration Manager, Heather Miller. The election software used for voting ElectionBuddy, was explained.

The issues and results of the voting were:

1.) Approval of the District Council Meeting Minutes?

**72 Votes (57 Ballots) 100% Yes**

**0% No**

2.) Do you approve of the District 10's Appointed Officers?

**72 Votes (57 Ballots) 100% Yes**

**0% No**

3.) Approval of the District 10 2021-2022 Budget?

**72 Votes (57 Ballots) 100% Yes**

**0% No**

Majority was reached and everything passed as 100%. Voting was closed.

**Additional Reports:**

- a.) District Director Report – District Director, Tricia Spayer reviewed the District Success Plan.
- b.) Program Quality Director Report - Program Quality Director, Bob Churilla discussed Speech contests, Leadership module training, Advanced leadership chair, Train the trainers advanced leadership modules, Hybrid meeting training, and Up training.
- c.) Club Growth Director Report - Club Growth Director, Sandra Orland discussed success plan, retention and keeping club memberships, Radio ads, Incentives, Open House, and LinkedIn strategy.
- d.) Public Relations Manger Report - Public Relations Manager, April Ware discussed the public relations adventure.
- e.) Immediate Past District Director, Alicia Smith-Kirk discussed the district and new members.
- f.) Credentials Chair, Dan Minder discussed data analyst report. 2020-2021 Growth was down 12.09%, with the total membership ending at 3,162 members. Distinguished clubs for 2020-2021 ended at 35.35% of the clubs with this status.

**Announcements/Upcoming Events:**

- Next District Council meeting Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Volunteer roll out event on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- TLI second weekend in December.
- This Friday fundraiser “Connect for Success” auctions and trivia.

- Special thank you and appreciation to everyone including the leaders. Thanks to corporate clubs, these meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month. Next meeting Corporate Club social is September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.
- Open house this Wednesday at Noon for the Westlake Toastmasters Club, Club No. 497, everyone is welcome to come.

### **Adjournment**

The District 10 Council meeting was adjourned without objection by District Director, Tricia Spayer, at 11:26 a.m.